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Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 26

Date of Meeting: December 9, 2003

Date Submitted: December 3, 2003

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Tony Park, P.E., Director of Public Works
Subject: Authorization to Negotiate with Sutron Corporation for the Implementation of the Capital Area Flood Warning Network

Statement of Issue:

Board authorization is requested to negotiate a contract with Sutron Corporation for the technical support and installation of the data collection and telemetry system known as the Capital Area Flood Warning Network (CAFWN).

Background:

The Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance (EMPA) Competitive Grant Program provides funds to local governments and non-profit agencies to improve the state and local emergency management capabilities to prepare and respond to disasters. A grant application was submitted to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on January 21, 2003. Notice of Grant Award was received by Public Works staff on June 17, 2003, in addition to the Agreement for execution by the appropriate governing board. The Board accepted the \$258,747 grant and authorized the Chairman to execute the Agreement at the June 24, 2003 regular meeting. The Agreement executed by DCA was received July 25, 2003. The bid was advertised locally and 1021 vendors were notified through the automated procurement system. Thirty-two vendors requested bid packages, which resulted in nine (9) proposals. The bid tabulation sheet is included as Attachment #1.

Analysis:

Leon County's EMPA grant is for the purchase of equipment and the installation of a data collection and telemetry system to monitor rainfall throughout the Capital Area. Presently, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County contract with the Northwest Florida Water Management District (WMD) to obtain rainfall, stream level, and stream flow data throughout the city and County. The existing gauges will be retrofitted to the proposed telemetered system, if possible.

Public Works staff will manage the grant and contract. The Selection Committee members were:

Theresa Heiker - Chief of Stormwater Engineering, County Public Works

Nick Wooten - Director of Field Services, Northwest Florida Water Management District

Joel Lanier - Senior Service Hydrologist, National Weather Service

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Pat Curtis - Director, County Division of Management Information Services

Rodney Spivey - County Division of Management Information Services

The Selection Committee met October 28, 2003 to receive copies of the proposals and establish the review procedure and criteria. The firms which responded to the Request For Proposals were:

AMJ Equipment Corporation

Campbell Scientific, Inc.

DCR Engineering Services, Inc.

Data Flow Systems, Inc.

Indtech

Locher Environmental Technology, LLC

OneRain, Inc.

Sutron Corporation

Vaisala

The Committee met November 4, 2003 to review the independent scoring of the proposals and select the firms for interview (Attachment #2). None of the firms are certified Local Vendors, nor do any have a current contract with Leon County. The Minority/Women's Business Enterprise (M/WBE) analysis determined that Sutron Corporation was the sole vendor to include a locally-certified M/WBE firm (Attachment #3). The following firms were interviewed November 18, 2003 and their respective scores are:

Vendor	Score
Sutron	420
Campbell Scientific	383
OneRain	370
Locher Environmental	338

Staff requests the authorization to negotiate with Sutron Corporation for the implementation of the Capital Area Flood Warning Network, determining the types and locations of equipment to be installed in accordance with the EMPA grant.

Options:

1. Authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Sutron Corporation for the implementation of the Capital Area Flood Warning Network.

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2. Do not authorize staff to negotiate contract with first-ranked firm.
3. Board direction.

Recommendations:

Option #1.

Attachments:

1. Bid Tabulation Sheet
2. Evaluation Criteria Sheet for Ranking
3. M/WBE Statement

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